

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: HOUSING SERVICES



ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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Goal Statement

To promote safe, sanitary and affordable housing through homeowner education & counseling, home rehabilitation & replacement, and foreclosure prevention, in the unincorporated areas of Leon County.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Economy

- Provide administration and marketing for the Leon County Housing Finance Authority First Mortgage and Down Payment Assistance Program. Nearly 60 first-time home buyers purchased their own home in Leon County as the program supplied over \$6.5 million dollars in first mortgage financing and close to \$700,000 in down payment assistance was provided.
- As an approved Advisor Agency for the federally-funded Florida Hardest Hit Foreclosure Prevention Program, Leon County secured a Principal Reduction Loan for six eligible homeowners statewide; and financial relief for seven Leon County eligible residents, which gives them time to find new or sufficient employment, avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes.
- Ten Leon County residents were assisted with severe housing repair needs through a new Emergency Housing Repair Program, funded through the Leon County Housing Finance Authority. \$13,199.97 in total funding was expended on roof, HVAC, septic, and well repairs.
- Leon County rehabilitated three low-income residents' homes and replaced one resident's home of which a tree had fallen upon during a storm, making the home uninhabitable.

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HOUSING ASSISTANCE, COUNSELING & SOLUTIONS

- Housing Services ensures that extremely low, very low, low and moderate income level residents of Leon County are provided with safe and sanitary housing, and works to preserve the supply of affordable housing in the County. The division accomplishes these goals through programs that include down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers, foreclosure prevention assistance, principal reduction, home rehabilitation, and home replacement.
- Leon County continues its work as an Advisor Agency for the federally-funded, Florida Hardest Hit Foreclosure Prevention Program. Leon County homeowners who are unemployed, underemployed, or have reduced income may be eligible for assistance through the Unemployment Mortgage Assistance Program or the Mortgage Loan Reinstatement Program.
- Leon County continuously identifies opportunities to participate in federal and state programs beneficial to the community with respect to housing.
 - » More than 275 Leon County homeowners and prospective home buyers were educated on how to maintain a home and how to prevent foreclosure during the County's fall and spring



Fall Home Expo

Home Expos. During the home expo events, attendees also participated in hands-on demonstrations, learning how to paint, pressure wash and perform minor roof repairs.

- » Leon County received approval from the Department of Economic Opportunity to expend \$750,000 of federal funds provided by the Community Development Block Grant Funds toward housing rehabilitation in Leon County.
- » 62 first-time homebuyers purchased a home in Leon County through the Leon County Housing Finance Authority's Down Payment Assistance Program, funded in conjunction with Escambia Housing Finance Authority.



Did You Know

Leon County residents can receive up to \$42,000, providing homeowners the time to find new or sufficient employment, so they may avoid foreclosure, and separately receive up to \$50,000 to lower their overall mortgage debt.